



The New Jersey Schools Development Authority

A Leader In School Construction

In 1998, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled in the *Abbott v. Burke* case that the State must provide 100 percent funding for all school renovation and construction projects in special-needs school districts. In response, the New Jersey Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act (the "Act") was enacted on July 18, 2000 and started the State's School Construction Program.

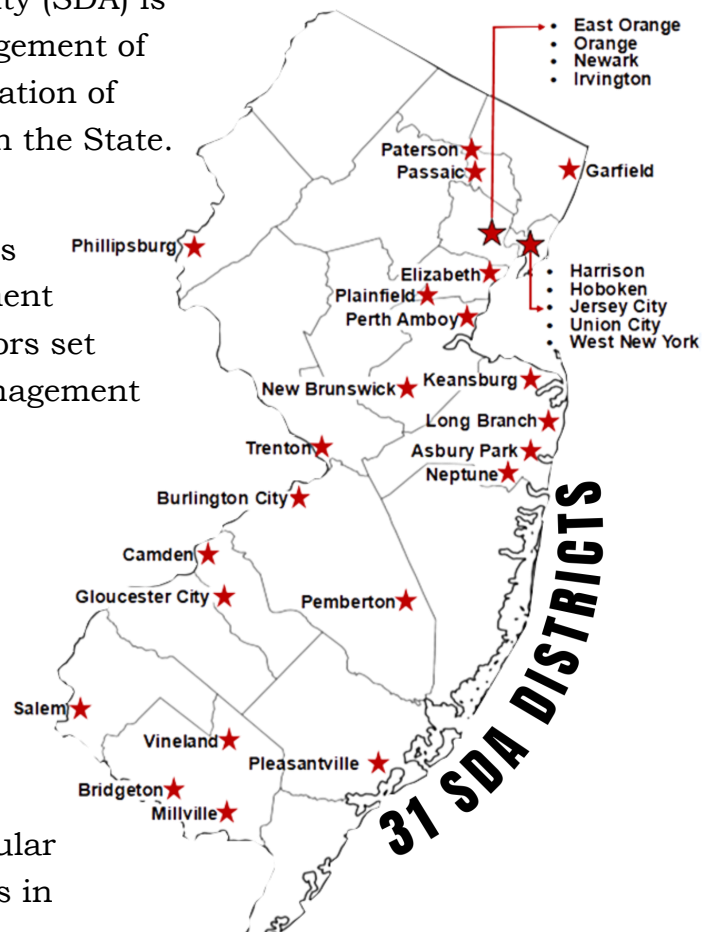
The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) is responsible for the funding and project management of new construction, modernization and renovation of school facilities projects in 31 SDA Districts in the State.

The SDA also makes grants available to the Regular Operating Districts for school facilities projects approved by the New Jersey Department of Education. Our professionals and contractors set the standard for design and construction management on school construction projects.

The SDA is involved in all phases of a school construction project - from acquiring land for the school to procuring furniture and equipment for the completed project.

The SDA has provided funding for and management oversight of more than 850 school facilities projects in SDA Districts and has executed more than 5,400 grants for Regular Operating Districts throughout all 21 counties in New Jersey.

Our current portfolio of active school projects is valued at approximately \$1 billion. This includes Capital Projects, Emergent Projects and Regular Operating District grants.



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CAPITAL PROJECTS: These are new schools, major renovations and rehabilitation projects in the SDA Districts.

EMERGENT PROJECTS: These are projects deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to potential health and safety issues. Emergent projects fix issues like leaky, aging windows, broken boilers, replace roofs, windows, exterior masonry, heating and cooling systems, water infiltration, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems.

ROD GRANTS: Grant funding is provided for projects in Regular Operating Districts that address health and safety issues and other critical needs. Grants are contingent on local approval of the remaining district share of the total costs needed.

ALYSSA'S LAW: In 2019, the NJSDA in collaboration with NJDOE, issued Preliminary Guidance on Alyssa's Law Compliance and School Security Grants. The law states that each public elementary and secondary school building in New Jersey shall be equipped with at least one panic alarm that is directly linked to local law enforcement authorities. The SDA was deemed responsible for certifying the compliance or proposed compliance with the Law of 581 school districts statewide.

FLOORING INITIATIVE: In 2020, the NJ Department of Health published guidance for the evaluation and management of a certain type of flooring that may contain mercury. The SDA, in consultation with the NJDOH and in accordance with their guidance document, advanced a multi-step initiative to evaluate flooring materials installed in SDA-delivered school facilities. SDA continues to work, with SDA districts, to complete air monitoring activities in school facilities, replacing or remediating any flooring systems, where necessary.

FY22 GRANTS: The NJ State FY 2022 budget included a direct appropriation of \$75 million to the SDA to provide funding for projects related to emergent and capital maintenance needs, especially for facilities costs to address COVID-19 concerns. This funding is available to SDA Districts and Regular Operating Districts.

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